

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 20496-490
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/550,706
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/03396	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 31, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 3, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION Annealing Rack		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Scheffler et al.		
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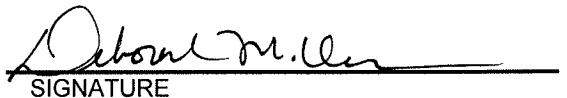
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